

REMARKS

I. Status

The Office Action indicates claims 7-13, 55-58, and 95-98 to be pending in this Application.

Claims 7-13, 55-58, and 95-98 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Hahn (<http://www.w3.org/2000/12/drm-ws/pp/versaware-hahn.html>), Menezes (MENEZES, A. et al. "Ch. 13 Key Management Techniques," CRC Press, Inc., 1997, XP-02423026, pp. 548-572), and Poorvi (<http://www.w3.org/2000/12/drm-ws/pp/hp-poorvi2.html>).

Claims 7, 11, 55, 57, 95, and 97 are independent.

II. Rejection of Independent Claims 7, 11, 55, 57, 95, and 97 under 35 U.S.C. 103

The Office Action rejects independent claims 7, 11, 55, 57, 95, and 97 under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Hahn, Menezes, and Poorvi.

However, Applicants respectfully submit that Hahn, Menezes, and Poorvi, taken individually or in combination, fail, for example, to disclose, teach, or suggest:

“...the voucher including an encrypted content key ...”

as set forth in each of claims 7, 11, 55, 57, 95, and 97 (emphasis added).

The Office Action contends that such is taught via section 2.3.2.3 of Hahn.

However, Applicants respectfully observe that this portion of Hahn instead merely discusses that:

“[t]he voucher engine runs on a, possibly, physically protected processor of the client and server computers, authenticates other voucher engines, sends and receives EBX vouchers and credentials, stores vouchers in protected memory, and performs voucher and content key operations” (see Hahn section 2.3.2.3; emphasis added).

Applicants believe it clear, for instance, that mere discussion of a voucher engine performing voucher and content key operations is not at all disclosure, teaching, or suggestion of a voucher including an encrypted content key.

As another example, Hahn, Menezes, and Poorvi, taken individually or in combination, fail to disclose, teach, or suggest:

“... rendering any vouchers associated with said encrypted content unusable”

as set forth in each of claims 7, 55, and 95 (emphasis added);

“... rendering any vouchers associated with the content unusable”

as set forth in each of claims 11 and 97 (emphasis added); and:

“... rendering any remaining vouchers associated with the content unusable”

as set forth in claim 57 (emphasis added).

The Office Action contends that such is taught via section 2.3.2.3 of Hahn. However, Applicants respectfully observe that this portion of Hahn fails, for instance, to disclose, teach, or suggest rendering vouchers unusable, and instead merely discusses that:

“[t]he voucher engine runs on a, possibly, physically protected processor of the client and server computers, authenticates other voucher engines, sends and receives EBX vouchers and credentials, stores vouchers in protected memory, and performs voucher and content key operations” (see Hahn section 2.3.2.3; emphasis added).

In view of at least the foregoing, Applicants respectfully submit that claims 7, 11, 55, 57, 95, and 97, as well as those claims that depend therefrom, are in condition for allowance.

III. Dependent Claims

Applicants do not believe it is necessary at this time to further address the

rejections of the dependent claims as Applicants believe that the foregoing places the independent claims in condition for allowance. Applicants, however, reserve the right to further address those rejections in the future should such a response be deemed necessary and appropriate.

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CONCLUSION

Applicants respectfully submit that this Application is in condition for allowance for which action is earnestly solicited.

If a telephone conference would facilitate prosecution of this Application in any way, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned at the number provided.

AUTHORIZATION

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any fees which may be required for this response, or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 13-4500, Order No. 4208-4040.

Furthermore, in the event that an extension of time is required, the Commissioner is requested to grant a petition for that extension of time which is required to make this response timely and is hereby authorized to charge any fee for such an extension of time or credit any overpayment for an extension of time to the above-noted Deposit Account and Order No.

Respectfully submitted,

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